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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-4 and 7-11, 12-18, and new claim 19 will be pending.

Claim 1 is now re-amended to conform to the previously allowed claim 1, with only a minor change in language (which change is not intended to alter the scope or meaning of the claim) and new claim 19 corresponds to original claim 5, but without the recitation that "use as polymer of NBR that is polymerized in the presence of a polymerizable antidegradant" is included.

Therefore, all of the pending claims are directed to subject matter previously indicated as allowable including claim 19 which no longer includes the language considered to render claim 5 as indefinite. Claims 12-15 are amended to depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 19.


Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, with claims 1-4 and 7-19, is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

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